

Dillon Resource Management Plan

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This is the 11th in a series of update letters you'll be receiving as we move through the planning process and develop an RMP for BLM managed public lands in the Dillon Field Office.



If you received this letter, you are on our mailing and/or email list. If there is a problem with your address information, or you would like to be removed, please contact Renee Johnson at (406) 683-8016 or send an email to MT_Dillon_RMP@blm.gov. The BLM Dillon Field Office address is 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725.

Currently the Dillon RMP website is unavailable. When available, the website contains information on the Dillon RMP process and is located at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp.

Proposed RMP/Final EIS Now Available

The Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for BLM lands administered by the Dillon Field Office in Beaverhead and Madison counties is now available. A Notice of Availability beginning a 30-day protest period will be published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, April 29, 2005. The protest period will end on May 31, 2005. A protest may only raise those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. See reverse for details on protesting.

The two-volume document identifies changes made to the alternatives and the accompanying analysis as a result of public comment received on the Draft RMP/EIS, released in April 2004. It also contains responses to the many comments received on the plan.

Copies of the document were mailed to interested persons requesting either a hard copy or CD version of the document. Due to technical issues with websites maintained by the Department of the Interior, the Dillon RMP website (www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp) is currently not available. However, printed or CD versions of the document can be requested by contacting

Renee Johnson at (406) 683-8016, or by writing to the BLM Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725.

Printed copies of the document can also be viewed at the following locations:

BLM Butte Field Office
BLM Dillon Field Office
BLM Missoula Field Office
Beaverhead County Commissioners' Office
FS/BLM Office, Ennis
FS Office, Sheridan
FS Office, Wise River
FS Office, Wisdom
Lima Town Hall
Madison County Commissioners' Office
Public Library, Bozeman
Public Library, Butte
Public Library, Dillon
Public Library, Ennis
Public Library, Twin Bridges
Public Library, Whitehall
Red Rocks Refuge, Lakeview



Please Note: The toll-free number established to provide recorded information on the Dillon RMP is no longer in service due to lack of use.

Protest Procedures

Any person who participated in the Dillon RMP planning process and has a interest which is or may be adversely affected may protest approval of the Proposed RMP and the land use plan decisions contained within it. Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process leading to the Proposed RMP may protest. A protesting party may raise only those issues submitted for the record during the planning process leading up to publication of the Proposed RMP. New issues may not be brought into the record at the protest stage.

A letter of protest must be filed in accordance with the planning regulations, 43 CFR 1610.5-2(a)(1). Protests must be in writing. Electronic mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, BLM will consider the email or faxed protest an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-452-5112, and emails to Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov.

For regular mail, send to:

**Director (210)
Attention: Brenda Williams
P.O. Box 66538
Washington, D.C. 20035**

For overnight mail (e.g., Federal Express), send to:

**Director (210)
Attention: Brenda Williams
1620 L Street N.W., Suite 1075
Washington, D.C. 20036**

In order to be considered complete, your protest must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- A statement of the part or parts of the Proposed RMP being protested. To the extent possible, this should be done by reference to specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, maps, etc., included in the document.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that you submitted during the planning process, or a reference to the date the issue or issues were discussed by you for the record.
- A concise statement explaining why the Montana/Dakotas BLM State Director's proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. *This is a critical part of your protest.* A protest that merely expresses disagreement with the Montana/Dakotas BLM State Director's proposed decision, without any data, will not provide BLM with the benefit of your information and insight. In this case, the Director's review will be based on the existing analysis and supporting data.

To be considered "timely," your protest, along with all attachments, must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. There is no provision for an extension of time. Although not a requirement, we suggest that you send your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested. **The protest period ends on May 31, 2005.**



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